

P.S. See the little postcard you send me
just what we want to know. My warmest regards to all the
dear, inquiring friends with a special mention.

Huntly Lodge, Edinburgh, July 16, 1867.

My dear Wife:

Letters from you, and William, and Ellie, under
date of June 30, reached us on Saturday evening, giving us
much pleasure in their perusal. The first item of special
interest is always to learn how our dear ones at Rockledge
are getting along in the matter of health; particularly what
improvement, if any, is discoverable in your own case. —
Thus far, all appears to have gone well. If ~~the~~ treatment
you are receiving at the hands of Miss Houghton has not
advanced your case as rapidly as I had hoped, (though
I have not at any time indulged in any extravagant expec-
tations,) I am nevertheless glad to hear that some change for
the better is perceptible in your hand and when you walk.
It is for you to determine how long to continue the treatment,
or when to substitute Miss Andrews or some one else; but
you will not expect, in the nature of things, any great alteration
in a limited space of time. Do not give yourself any uneas-
iness about the expense, so long as your general health is evi-
dently helped. I have no doubt that you have friends in the
Spirit sphere, as well as in the body, who are yearning for
your complete recovery, if that by any means is possible.

It is a great relief to my mind, my dear stricken
one, to be assured by you that you are bearing my absence
not only patiently, resignedly, but cheerfully, with reference to
the improvement of my own health, (and that has been so
great that multitudes tell me that they cannot see that I

P.S. I am doing to be uncomfortable and lovingly remembered to you.

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have grown any older in appearance than when I was in England twenty-one years ago,) and the happiness I am experiencing in travelling with the children; looking forward to the time when I shall look in upon you, bringing Fanny and Frank with me. As to Fanny, however, you must not too confidently expect to see her this fall, though she is still expecting to come; but everything will depend upon the state of Harry's father's health, which is at present very precarious, and threatens a dropsical termination of life. He is confined to his bed at Munich, and is in such a state of mind, through depression of spirits, that even the presence of Harry is not deemed advisable by Tapate. This makes everything uncertain about our travelling together in Switzerland; though Frank will go with me there, if Harry and Fanny do not. Harry, last week, had packed his trunk, and was just starting for Munich, when he received a letter from his aunt, informing him that his father's condition had slightly improved, and that she would apprise him when to come. Even if Harry's father should be speedily taken away, it is by no means certain that the way would be clear for Fanny to return with me. Nevertheless, she is still calculating to do so. But make up your mind not to be greatly disappointed if it prove otherwise. Indeed, as she is intending to return to Harry in the spring in case she accompanies me home in October, it is a question in my own mind whether, in view of the great expense and of the prolonged sea-sickness to which she will be subjected, it will be worth the while to make the trip, much as I wish you to have her presence and compan-

ionship during the winter. There will be time enough, however, before October, to send you something more definite than this. ¶ As to the incidents of our tour in England, I have left the task of narrating them to you to Fanny and Frank—particularly the latter, who will send you by this mail a long and minute account of matters and things since we left Manchester. No reception could be warmer or more flattering than we got at Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the soiree in that place; and in the charming family of our devoted friend, Councillor Manson, we received every possible attention and kindness. The Newcastle Chronicle spoke of me repeatedly, before coming, when there, and afterward, in the highest terms, in leading editorials. Newspapers throughout the Kingdom, of almost every religious and political persuasion, are rising with each other in extolling my labors, sacrifices and successes in the cause of the American slaves. If I had not long ago concurred myself to the opinions of men, I might be in peril of slumbering on enchanted ground for the rest of my life, or moved from my feet by self-inflation. The manner in which I have every where been received has taken me wholly by surprise. I was looking for nothing of the kind, and, assuredly, I did not in a single instance seek it. On the contrary, I have tried to escape all observation; but I have been forced, by various weighty considerations not at all personal, to consent to sundry social gatherings, partaking of a somewhat public character; though I have resolutely refused to have any popular, open door meetings gotten up for me, to the disappointment of thousands.

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There is no considerable place in the Kingdom at which I should not be received with marked demonstrations of respect and congratulation, in case I had time to visit it. I need not tell you how we have been treated in this city, both in the charming and commodious residence of my devotedly attached friend Elizabeth Pease Nichol, and at the thronged tea party given by the Ladies' Emancipation Society; for Frank will give you the particulars. On Thursday I am, in all probability, to have the highest honor it is possible for Edinburgh officially to bestow upon me; that is, to be presented with the "freedom of the city" by the Lord Provost and the Council; an unparalleled token of regard shown to any American in Scotland. On Thursday afternoon we leave for Glasgow; on Friday morning to have a public breakfast; in the evening to receive an address from the National Reform League; on Saturday to go to the Highlands; and on Thursday of next week to leave Glasgow for London, there to remain till Monday, 29th inst.; then for Paris; and then for Switzerland. Happily, we have had no mishap or drawback whatever thus far, and we have all enjoyed very good health, though of course a good deal fatigued. There is no end to letters to be answered here.

You cannot tell how delighted we are with the photographs of William, Ellie, and darling Agnes. They are capital as likenesses, and ought to be multiplied.

I have just received a few lines from Wendell, accompanying one from Mr. McKim. Also one from Dora, for which give her my thanks. I will reply as soon as possible. Love to the entire household. Your loving W.L.G.